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### **BIAGGI ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

*Leo Drozdoff also appointed to head Division of Environmental Protection*

CARSON CITY—The Director of the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, Allen Biaggi, today announced the appointment of Kay Scherer as Assistant Director.

“Kay brings a diverse background of staff, budget and project management experience in both the public and private sectors,” Biaggi said. “She has the experience in regulatory issue management and strategic planning to lead the Department in public outreach and employee relations.”

Scherer, 47, joins the Department following four years as President of Nevada Strategies, LLC where she provided strategic planning, communications and government relations services. Prior to forming her own consulting business, Scherer was division head for the Nevada Commission on Economic Development handling marketing and strategic planning. Examples of her varied career include work as a division vice president for R&R Partners; as assistant to the City Manager and City of Las Vegas spokesperson; as marketing director/assistant athletic director for UNLV events and sports; and as an assistant to former Nevada Attorney General Brian McKay. Scherer is a 1979 graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno.

“I’m pleased to be appointed to this position by Director Biaggi,” Scherer said. “The mission of this department is vital to the future of Nevada. I look forward not only to working on natural resource matters, but also with the department’s most valuable resource, its dedicated staff.”

Biaggi also recently announced the promotion of Leo Drozdoff to Administrator for the Division of Environmental Protection. The position was vacated when Biaggi, who served as the NDEP administrator since 1998, was appointed in July of this year by Gov. Kenny Guinn to head the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

“As Deputy Administrator and then Acting Administrator, Leo assumed a leadership role on a broad range of environmental issues from water pollution control to mine reclamation and cleanup,” Biaggi said. “He’s a professional engineer and astute manager who is capable of navigating the Division of Environmental Protection through difficult and often controversial issues to preserve the future of Nevada’s environment.”

Drozdoff, 39, has been with the Division of Environmental Protection for nearly 14 years. He was hired as a staff engineer in 1991 and was named Chief of NDEP's Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation in 1996. He also held the position of Chief of Water Pollution Control until he was named Deputy Administrator for the division in 2003. In addition to representing the Agency on numerous boards and commissions, Drozdoff is on the Board of Directors for the Ground Water Protection Council and has been Chairman since 2000 of the Nevada Board of Certification for Wastewater treatment plant operators. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. in 1987 and a MBA from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1996. He is a Licensed Professional Civil Engineer in the State of Nevada.

"I'm honored to be asked to lead the Division of Environmental Protection," Drozdoff said. "I've spent most of my professional career at NDEP and look forward to working with our very capable staff furthering the goals of this agency to protect public health and the environment."

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